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**TWO SECTION PARTICLE ACCELERATOR**  
**WITH CONTROLLED BEAM CURRENT**

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

5           Invention belongs to the area of accelerator technology, specifically, to the technology of high frequency electron accelerators with controlled beam current and could be used, for example, in the development of medical instrument and material as well as food sterilizing, dangerous substance neutralization systems, etc.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

10           Various accelerating system RF power supply circuits are used in charged particle accelerators. For example, single-section electron accelerator [1] contains magnetron, which serves as RF power generator, one accelerating section that is a cavity made in a form of a series of coupled accelerating cells and coupling cells, and ferrite isolator for magnetron and  
15           accelerating section RF isolation. Ferrite circulator may be used instead of ferrite isolator. However, use of ferrite isolation devices results in RF generator power losses in ferrite and high accelerator cost. Technical solutions of accelerators with three accelerating sections [2] and two combined sections [3] are known. In the said accelerators a 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction is used as isolator. The 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction contains two parallel waveguides with a  
20           common wide wall having a coupling window. However, high electrical field at the edges of the coupling window limits maximal power of the said 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction.

          Of the known linear charged particle accelerators, the closest by technical essence to the one proposed here is a two-section linear electron accelerator [2] that has been selected as prototype (see Fig. 1) and in which two-section accelerating system is powered from magnetron  
25           1 via 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6. Each of accelerating sections 2 and 3 is a cavity that is made in the form of biperiodic structure with alternating coupled accelerating and coupling cells. Magnetron 1 generates RF power, which is a wave of electromagnetic field. This wave is transmitted from generator to the accelerating system via a waveguide, that is a rectangular hollow pipe. The said wave generates electromagnetic field in the accelerating system. Injected  
30           by injector 4 electrons are accelerated in the said field. 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 serves for magnetron 1 isolation from accelerating systems 2 and 3, that is this junction has to let RF

power from magnetron 1 go to accelerating systems 2 and 3, and prevent the reflected from accelerating systems 2 and 3 wave from returning to magnetron 1, instead directing it to the waveguide load 5. In this case, the 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 represents two rectangular waveguides having a common wide waveguide side 7 and a coupling window 8.

5           However, the said accelerator has several disadvantages.

First of all, 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction with coupling window in a common wide wall between waveguides is used in the said accelerator similarly as in accelerators [2] and [3]. Therefore maximal power of the 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction is limited by high electric field at the edges of the coupling window.

10           For the second, the 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction configuration of the said accelerator, like that in three-section accelerator [3], is such that each of the waveguides have double turns to provide for coupling with accelerating sections. This results in big accelerator overall dimensions.

For the third, in the known accelerators [1, 2, and 3] coupling coefficient of waveguide with accelerating section is constant and cannot be changed. Reflection in the feeding waveguide coefficient dependence on the electron beam current  $I$  is shown in Fig. 2. As is seen in Fig. 2, for a given accelerator, there is only one single electron beam current  $I$  value that equals  $I_0$ , at which there is no RF power reflection in the feeding waveguide ( $S_{11} = 0$ ), that is which corresponds to the most efficient accelerating mode.

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#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The proposed energy efficient linear charged particle accelerator with controlled beam current is shown in Fig. 3a, 3b, and 3c.

Linear accelerator consists of RF generator 1, two accelerating sections 2 and 3, injector 4, waveguide load 5, and 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6. 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 represents two parallel waveguides having a common narrow wall 7, in which a waveguide coupling window 8 and a drift tube 9 for particles to pass are made. Input waveguide 10 of the 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 is connected to the RF generator 1, the fourth waveguide 11 is connected to the waveguide load 5, the first output waveguide 12 is connected to the first accelerating section 2 via coupling hole 14, the second output waveguide 13 is connected to the second accelerating section 3 via coupling hole 15. Movable shorting devices 16 and 17 are

placed in output waveguides 12 and 13 such that the axis of accelerating sections is located between the coupling window of waveguides and the shorting devices.

The proposed linear accelerator operates as follows. Power from RF generator 1 in the form of electromagnetic field wave is fed into the 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 input waveguide 10, then it is divided by half in the 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 and through 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 output waveguides 12 and 13 and coupling holes 14 and 15 is directed to the accelerating sections 2 and 3. Exiting from injector 4 electrons are accelerated in accelerating sections 2 and 3 by electric field that is created by RF generator 1 power. RF power reflected from accelerating sections 2 and 3 during the transient process of filling sections 2 and 3 with the electromagnetic field energy passes through 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 and is absorbed by waveguide load 5, and does not return to RF generator 1. By moving movable shorting devices 16 and 17 that are placed in 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 output waveguides 12 and 13 coupling coefficients of waveguides 12 and 13 with accelerating sections 2 and 3 are changed. For each beam current value there is only one value of coupling coefficient of waveguides 12 and 13 with accelerating sections 2 and 3, at which all power from waveguides 12 and 13 is delivered to accelerating sections 2 and 3 without reflections and is maximally utilized for charged particle acceleration. Moving shorting devices 16 and 17 in waveguides 12 and 13 allows optimal setting of coupling with accelerating sections 2 and 3 at any beam current value and thus providing for efficient RF generator 1 power utilization without reflections in waveguides 12 and 13. In waveguide segments 12 and 13, between the cross-section of the said segments that passes through the axis of accelerating sections 2 and 3 and the cross section of shorting devices 16 and 17 a standing wave is created such that the longitudinal component of electric field  $E_z$  in waveguide 12 and 13 cross-section that passes through the axis of accelerating sections 2 and 3 ( $z = 0$ ) depends on the longitudinal position  $z_0$  of shorting devices 16 and 17 in the following manner (see Fig. 4):

$$E_z = E_0 \sin(k(z_0 - z)).$$

For each beam current value there is only one value of coupling coefficient of waveguides 12 and 13 with accelerating sections 2 and 3, at which all power from waveguides 12 and 13 is delivered to accelerating sections 2 and 3 without reflections and is maximally utilized for charged particle acceleration. Moving movable shorting devices 16 and 17 in waveguides 12 and 13 allows setting optimal coupling coefficients with accelerating sections 2 and 3 at any beam



current value thus providing for efficient RF generator 1 power utilization without its reflections in waveguides 12 and 13. The movable shorting devices 16 and 17 could be made in the form of movable plungers with choke grooves or in the form of series of rods welded into waveguide in the plane of the required shorting. In the latter case coupling regulation is done by placing  
5 replaceable waveguide segments with rods that are placed at various rod locations.

Electric field in a rectangular waveguide equals zero on the narrow waveguide wall. Therefore, the employed 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction 6 electrical field is maximal and corresponds to maximal power of a regular waveguide.

10 The proposed engineering solution has the following advantages as compared to the prototype.

Firstly, maximal power in 3-dB waveguide hybrid junction with coupling window on the common narrow wall is significantly higher than that of a prototype.

Secondly, the possibility of setting optimal coupling with accelerating sections allows for more efficient utilization of RF generator power for each beam current value.

15 Thirdly, the proposed engineering solution is much more compact than prototype, which allows for reduction of accelerator overall dimensions and cost.

10 MeV electron accelerator, in which 6 MW pulse power and 2856 MHz operating frequency klystron is used as RF generator could be considered as an example of specific implementation of energy efficient linear charged particle accelerator. Beam pulse current can be  
20 changed within the range of 0.1 A to 0.7 A. Coupling coefficient of waveguides with accelerating sections can be changed within the range of 1.5 to 5.0 by moving movable shorting devices.

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus as described herein and as shown in the Figures, including each and every limitation and embodiment.
- 5 2. A method of operation as described herein and as shown in the Figures, including each and every limitation and embodiment.

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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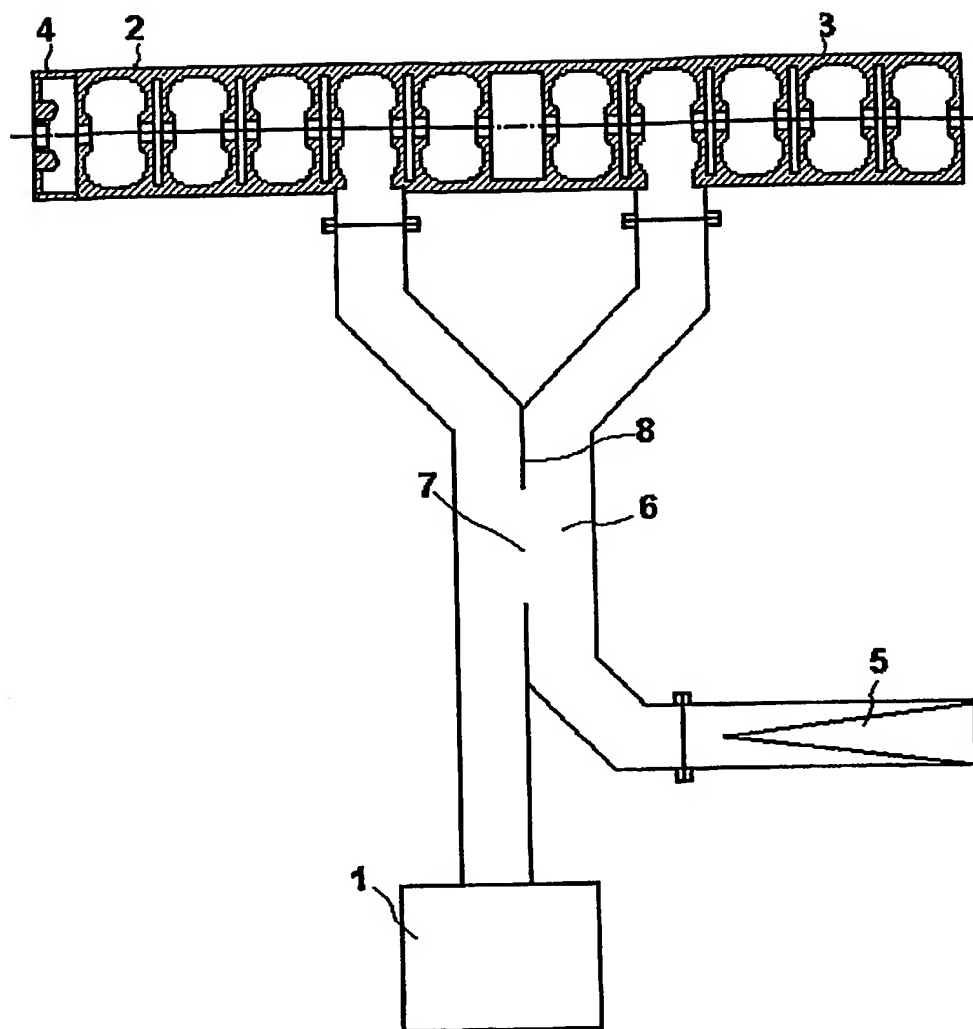


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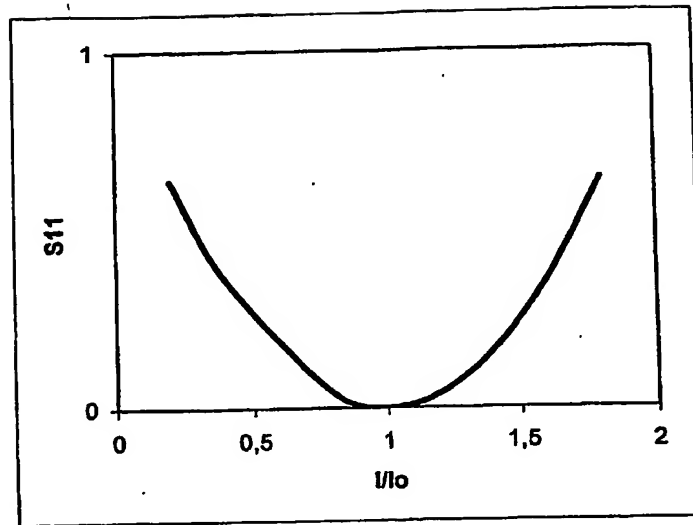


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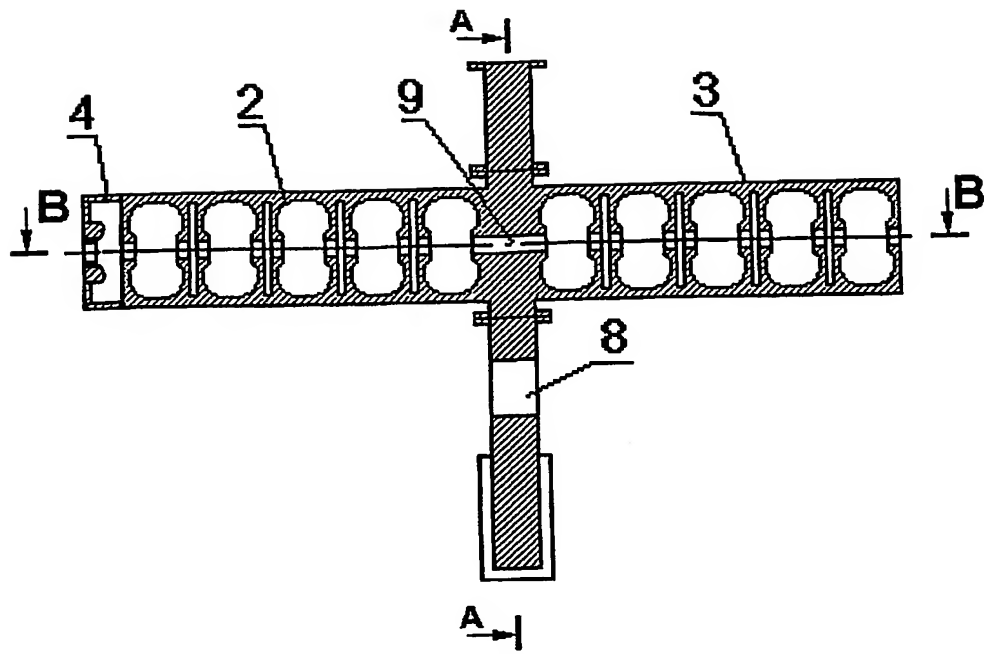


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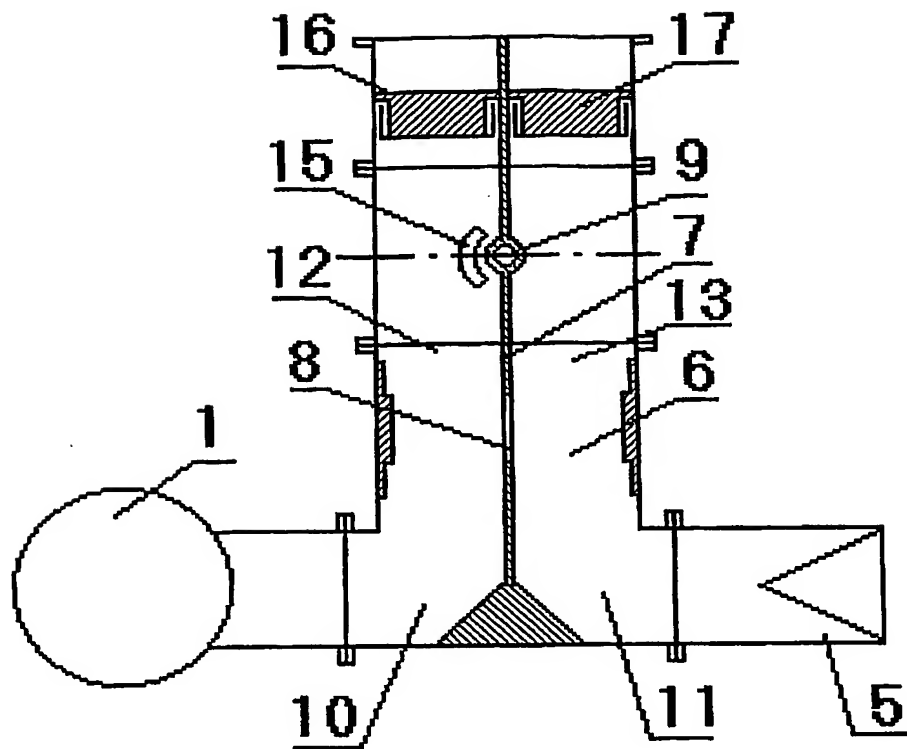
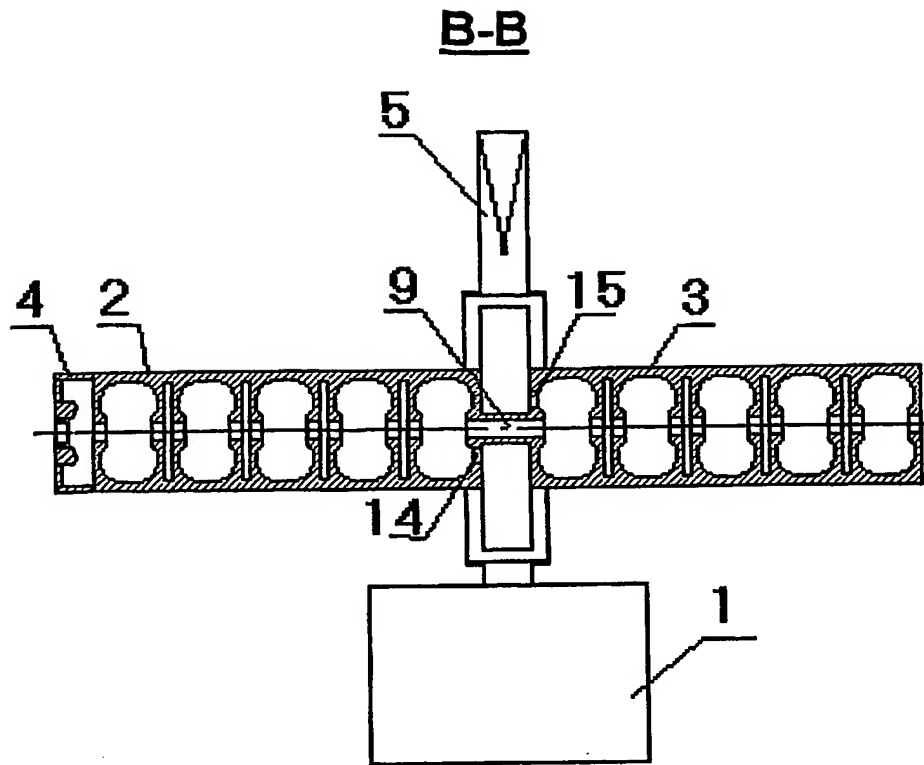
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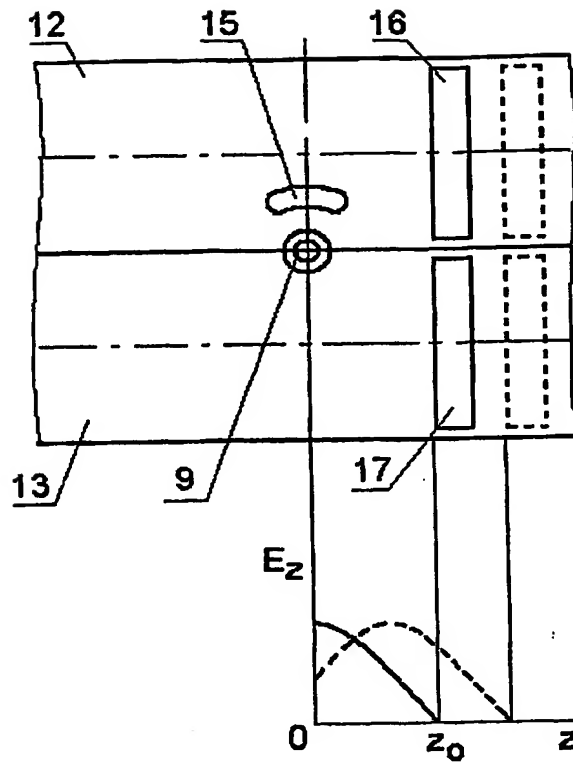


Fig.4.

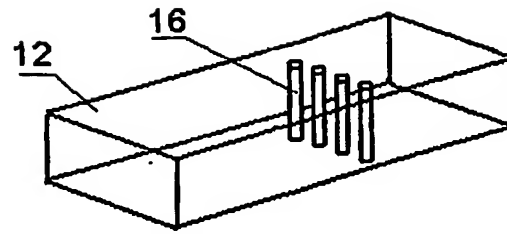


Fig.5.